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**Subject:** Press and Congressional Report for 01/22/13 -- for hot issues compilation

### **Possible HOT Press Announcements/Activities**

- We are working on our communications plan for the data gathered from the additional groundwater wells in the Yakima Valley as well as the release of the response to comments. We may post the data to the website and walk the Yakima Herald through the results.
- We will have a desk statement and communications plan for reaction to calls we may receive about our EIS scoping letter to the Corps on the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal.
- King County may issue news release on its approval of the consent decree settling claims for CSO/SSO violations. We may have a quote from Dennis in the release.
- We may issue a news release for a Unilateral Order to the Lapwai, Idaho school district on the Nez Perce Reservation. The order requires cleanup of a drywell contaminated with chlorinated solvents that threatens nearby drinking water wells.

### **Other Pending Communications Strategies and Event Planning**

#### **Shorter term:**

- Communications planning around our EIS scoping comments to the Corps for the proposed Gateway terminal in Bellingham.
- Communications support for the Palermo Well Field residential indoor air sampling for TCE.
- Communications planning around the 401(h) waiver for the city of Anchorage POTW.
- Continuing our communications planning and coordination w/other agencies on the West Salem petition for a preliminary assessment.
- Preparing for communications around the additional peer/expert review of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment.
- Planning for Yakima dairies consent agreements roll out.
- Dixie Drain/Lower Boise permit revision and event planning. Comment period for revised draft permit ended in mid-December. Will check in w/city re: possible events in the early spring.
- Waiting for word on when King County and EPA will sign the CSO/SSO consent decree. Likely we'll want to issue a news release when the agreement is final.

#### **Longer term/On-going:**

- Duwamish Proposed Plan and EJ analysis roll out and comms. plan
- Portland Harbor River Mile 11 and later RI/FS roll out and comms. plan
- Shell Discoverer permit modification roll out and comms plan as well as Consent Decree
- Port of Tacoma CWA 404 case conclusion, large penalty case

- ADOT UIC settlement
- Fairbanks PM 2.5 nonattainment
- Spokane River Idaho Dischargers' permits out for comment in early February

## **Congressional/Intergovernmental**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/CALLS**

February 2013, date to be determined:  
Shawn Blocker, ECL, will brief interested WA Congressional offices on the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site proposed cleanup plan.

March or April 2013:  
In response to a request from OR Congressman Earl Blumenauer, RA Dennis McLerran and others from Region 10 plan to participate in another in a series of meetings in Portland on the Portland Harbor Superfund site.

To be determined:  
In response to a request from the office of ID Congressman Mike Simpson, RA Dennis McLerran plans to join him in Idaho for a Dixie Drain event.

To be determined:  
In response to a request from a staff member for WA Senator Maria Cantwell during a multi-agency meeting/conference call on the Sumas Mountain site, Region 10 will work with her to arrange a face-to-face meeting for her, new staff for WA Senator Patty Murray, and new staff for WA Congressional District 1.

To be determined:  
OR Congressman Earl Blumenauer would like to visit the Region 10 office for an all-day meeting with RA Dennis McLerran.

### **RECENT AND ONGOING INQUIRIES AND OUTREACH**

January 9, 2013:  
Sylvia Kawabata, ECL, and Michelle Mullin, OCE joined, by conference call, an HQ meeting with Kenmore, WA Mayor David Baker, and advised him about potential Superfund and brownfields program cleanup resources and about our coordination with the state on the Lakepointe site.

January 10, 2013:  
Cami Grandinetti and Laura Buelow of ECL, Mary Lou Soscia of OOO and Cindy Schuster of ETPA joined OCIR on a conference call with a Democratic staff member for the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and provided information about the Upper Columbia River site and its relationship to the review of the Columbia River Treaty.

January 11, 2013:  
Paula VanHaagen, OWW, responded to a request from the office of OR Senator Jeff Merkley for information about the Clean Water State Revolving Fund as a possible source of sewer funding for an OR community.

January 16, 2013:  
Bill Dunbar, ORA, worked with AWT and responded to an inquiry from the D.C. office of AK Senator Mark Begich about the effect of the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines rule on Shell's 2013 offshore permits.

January 17, 2013:

Paula Fleming of OEA, Bill Dunbar of ORA, Tony Barber of OOO, and Cindy Schuster of ETPA had a conference call with a D.C. staff member for OR Senator Jeff Merkley to provide information about the nitrate study for the Lower Yakima Valley in Washington.

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